

Abstract

The analysis „Framing of immigration in Czech daily newspapers“ reveals how Czech daily newspapers framed so called migration crisis in Europe in 2015 when the immigration issue belonged to the most important issues in both Czech and foreign news media. This thesis draws from theoretical and analytical concept of media framing and concept of Agenda setting which deal with aspects used by media in describing reality, and their media effects on public opinion.

Quantitative content analysis of five national daily newspapers revealed that immigration issue was represented mainly as international political problem, followed by security threat as the second most frequent topic of news on immigration. In almost all news articles the immigration issue was framed as problem, whereas cause frame and solution frame were present in approximately a quarter of news on immigration.

Czech and foreign politicians and government sources were the most cited or paraphrased actors in Czech daily newspapers. On the other hand, refugees, immigrants and citizens were less frequent speakers, and experts rarely commented on the issue of immigration in Czech daily newspapers.

Further results of this analysis revealed that thematic framing rather than episodic was prevalent in immigration news, and human interest frame was used less frequently in Czech daily newspapers.